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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

-----X Index No.: 10-CIV-6005
ADRIAN SCHOOLCRAFT,

Plaintiff,

- against -

THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DEPUTY CHIEF MICHAEL MARINO, Tax Id. 873220, Individually and in his Official Capacity, ASSISTANT CHIEF PATROL BOROUGH BROOKLYN NORTH GERALD NELSON, Tax Id. 912370, Individually and in his Official Capacity, DEPUTY INSPECTOR STEVEN MAURIELLO, Tax Id. 895117, Individually and in his Official Capacity, CAPTAIN THEODORE LAUTERBORN, Tax Id. 897840, Individually and in his Official Capacity, LIEUTENANT JOSEPH GOFF, Tax Id. 894025, Individually and in his Official Capacity, stg. Frederick sawyer, Shield No. 2576, Individually and in his Official Capacity, SERGEANT KURT DUNCAN, Shield No. 2483, Individually and in his Official Capacity, LIEUTENANT CHRISTOPHER BROSCART, Tax Id. 915354, Individually and in his Official Capacity, LIEUTENANT TIMOTHY CAUGHEY, Tax Id. 885374, Individually and in his Official Capacity, SERGEANT SHANTEL JAMES, Shield No. 3004, and P.O.'s "JOHN DOE" #1-50, Individually and in their Official Capacity (the name John Doe being fictitious, as the true names are presently unknown) (collectively referred to as "NYPD defendants"), JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER, DR. ISAK ISAKOV, Individually and in his Official Capacity, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, Individually and in her Official Capacity and JAMAICA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER EMPLOYEE'S "JOHN DOE" # 1-50, Individually and in their Official Capacity (the name John doe being fictitious, as the true names are presently unknown),

Defendants.

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the defendant, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, as and for her Amended Answer to the plaintiff's second Amended Complaint, respectfully alleges the following:

**AMENDED ANSWER
TO SECOND AMENDED
COMPLAINT**

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AS AND FOR THE PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

1. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs "1" and "2".

AS AND FOR THE JURISDICTION

2. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "3".

AS AND FOR THE VENUE

3. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraph "4".

AS AND FOR THE JURY DEMAND

4. Admits the allegation contained in paragraph "5" of the Complaint.

AS AND FOR THE PARTIES

5. Denies allegation contained in paragraph "23".

6. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs "6", "7", "8", "9", "10", "11", "12", "13", "14", "15", "16", "17", "18", "19", "20", "21" and "24".

7. Denies the allegations contained in paragraph "22", except admits that, at all times mentioned in the Complaint, defendant, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, was and still is a physician duly licensed to practice medicine in the State of New York, and was and is duly qualified to render proper and adequate medical services to her patients.

AS AND FOR THE FACTUAL BACKGROUND

8. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "195", "196", "200", "202",

"203", "204", "205", "206", "213", "214", "253" and "254".

9. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs "25", "26", "27", "28", "29", "30", "31", "32", "33", "34", "35", "36", "37", "38", "39", "40", "41", "42", "43", "44", "45", "46", "47", "48", "49", "50", "51", "52", "53", "54", "55", "56", "57", "58", "59", "60", "61", "62", "63", "64", "65", "66", "67", "68", "69", "70", "71", "72", "73", "74", "75", "76", "77", "78", "79", "80", "81", "82", "83", "84", "85", "86", "87", "88", "89", "90", "91", "92", "93", "94", "95", "96", "97", "98", "99", "100", "101", "102", "103", "104", "105", "106", "107", "108", "109", "110", "111", "112", "113", "114", "115", "116", "117", "118", "119", "120", "121", "122", "123", "124", "125", "126", "127", "128", "129", "130", "131", "132", "133", "134", "135", "136", "137", "138", "139", "140", "141", "142", "143", "144", "145", "146", "147", "148", "149", "150", "151", "152", "153", "154", "155", "156", "157", "158", "159", "160", "161", "162", "163", "164", "165", "166", "167", "168", "169", "170", "171", "172", "173", "174", "175", "176", "177", "178", "179", "180", "181", "182", "183", "184", "185", "186", "187", "188", "189", "190", "191", "192", "193", "194", "197", "198", "199", "201", "207", "208", "209", "210", "211", "212", "215", "216", "217", "218", "219", "220", "221", "222", "223", "224", "225", "226", "227", "228", "229", "230", "231", "232", "233", "234", "235", "236", "237", "238", "239", "240", "241", "242", "243", "244", "245", "256", "247", "248", "249", "250", "251" and "252".

AS AND FOR THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
DEPRIVATION OF FEDERAL RIGHTS UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

10. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "255", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

11. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs “256”, “257”, “258”, “259” and “260”.

AS AND FOR THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
VIOLATION OF FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

12. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "261", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

13. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs “262”, “263”, “264”, “265”, “266”, “267”, “269”, “270”, “271”, “272”, “273”, “274”, “275”, “276” and “277”.

14. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegation contained in paragraph “268”.

AS AND FOR A THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
FALSE ARREST UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

15. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "278", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

16. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs “279” and “280”.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
MALICIOUS ABUSE OF PROCESS UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

17. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "281", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

18. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs “282”, “283”, “284”, “285”, “286” and “287”.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
EXCESSIVE FORCE UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

19. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "288", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

20. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "289" and "290".

AS AND FOR A SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
FAILURE TO INTERCEDE UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

21. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "291", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

22. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "293" and "295".

And for a response to the allegations contained in paragraph "292" and "294", the defendant denies and refers all questions of law to the Trial Court.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
UNLAWFUL SEARCH & ENTRY UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

23. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "296", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

24. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "297", "298", "299" and "300".

AS AND FOR AN EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
INVOLUNTARY CONFINEMENT PROCESS UNDER 42 U.S.C. § 1983

25. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "301", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect

as if again set forth at length herein.

26. Denies the allegation contained in paragraph "338".

27. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs "333", "334", "335", "336" and "337".

AS AND FOR THE FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF
UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW: ASSAULT

28. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "339", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

29. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "340 and "341".

AS AND FOR THE SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF
UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW: BATTERY

30. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "342", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

31. Denies the allegation contained in paragraph "345".

32. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs "343" and "344".

AS AND FOR THE THIRD CLAIM FOR RELIEF
UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW: FALSE ARREST

33. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "346", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

34. Denies the allegation contained in paragraph "348" and "349".

35. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the

allegation contained in paragraph "347".

**AS AND FOR THE FOURTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF
UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW: FALSE IMPRISONMENT**

36. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "350", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

37. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "351", "353", "354" and "355".

38. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegation contained in paragraph "352".

**AS AND FOR THE FIFTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW:
INTENTIONAL INFLICTION OF EMOTIONAL DISTRESS**

39. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "356", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

40. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs "357", "358", "359", "360", "361", "362", "363" and "364".

**AS AND FOR THE SIXTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW:
NEGLIGENT HIRING/TRAINING/SUPERVISION/RETENTION
(Defendant City of New York)**

41. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "365", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

42. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegations contained in paragraphs "366", "367", "368", "369", "370", "371", "372", "373",

“374”, “375”, “376”, “377”, “378”, “379”, “380”, “381”, “382”, “383”, “384”, “385”, “386”, “387” and “388”.

**AS AND FOR THE SEVENTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER
N.Y. STATE LAW: MEDICAL MALPRACTICE**

43. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "389", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

44. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs “390”, “391” and “392”.

**AS AND FOR THE EIGHTH CLAIM FOR RELIEF UNDER N.Y. STATE LAW:
NEGLIGENT HIRING/TRAINING/SUPERVISION/RETENTION
(Defendant JHMC)**

45. Answering the subdivision thereof numbered "393", repeats and reiterates each and every denial or admission hereinbefore made with the same force and effect as if again set forth at length herein.

46. Denies the allegations contained in paragraphs “394”, “395” and “396”.

47. Denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the allegation contained in paragraph “397”.

AS AND FOR A FIRST AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That the plaintiff herein was guilty of culpable conduct, including contributory negligence and comparative negligence, which said conduct bars plaintiff’s right of recovery in proportion to which the said culpable conduct or negligence attributable to plaintiff bears the culpable conduct or negligence which caused the damages, if any, or the occurrence complained of by plaintiff was caused in whole or in part by the assumption of risk of the plaintiff.

AS AND FOR A SECOND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The defendant reserves the right to claim the limitations of liability pursuant to the terms of Article 16 of the CPLR.

AS AND FOR A THIRD AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

In the event the plaintiff recovers a verdict or judgment against the answering defendant, then the verdict or judgment must be reduced pursuant to CPLR 4545(c) by those amounts which have been, or will, with reasonable certainty, replace or indemnify plaintiff, in whole or in part, for any past or future claimed economic loss, from any collateral source such as Insurance, Social Security, Workers' Compensation or employee benefit programs.

AS AND FOR A FOURTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The Complaint fails to include a Certificate of Merit as required by CPLR § 3012(a), and therefore the seventh claim for relief under N.Y. State Law must be dismissed.

AS AND FOR A FIFTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

At all times mentioned in the Complaint, the defendant, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, was acting as a private citizen, and not under color of State Law, and consequently the plaintiff's First, Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Claims for Relief, all based upon violations of 42 U.S.C. § 1983, are legally insufficient and must be dismissed.

AS AND FOR A SIXTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

The evaluation and treatment provided by the defendant, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, were undertaken pursuant to the New York State Mental Hygiene

Law and thus is protected by a privilege under the law and has immunity from liability therefor.

AS AND FOR A SEVENTH AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE

That in the event of any verdict of judgment on behalf of the plaintiff, the answering defendant is entitled to a set-off or credit pursuant to N.Y. General Obligations Law § 15-108 and any other applicable provision of law with respect to the full value of the Rule 68 Offer of Judgment made by the City of New York and accepted by the plaintiff and for payments made to the plaintiff in any other companion actions or claim arising out of the same set of events as pleaded herein.

JURY DEMAND

Defendant, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, demands a trial by jury.

WHEREFORE, the defendant, DR. LILIAN ALDANA-BERNIER, demands judgment dismissing the Complaint against her, together with costs and disbursements of this action and attorneys' fees.

Dated: New York, New York
October 9, 2015

Yours, etc.,
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